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CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM.

The Advocate had a column and over of criticism of the Conservative platform last week. That it was of so much a-line variety goes without saying. It was too stereotyped to have any effect on the electors. It copied most of the article from Attorney-General Cross' own organ, the Edmonton Saturday News, which is palmed off on unsuspecting people as an independent paper. In speaking of the province controlling its own lands, it said:

"It is difficult to see how at the present time, Alberta would gain by having its lands. If it had them, it would either have to use them for the promotion of immigration, as the Dominion does now, or dispose of them in order to obtain a revenue. But it does need immigrants, and it needs the whole of the revenue that is now in receipt of. Under the arrangement with the Dominion, the latter supplied it with an additional grant in lieu of the lands, which were still to be used as they had been for years back, for the purpose of inducing settlement. At best the cry of the provincial domain is based on sentiment. But it is practical results that count with the people of the province, and the Dominion does the plank brings no strength to the party carrying it."

This same statement is made by all the Grit press, yet in the face of this, Premier Rutherford brings in a deathbed repentance motion, amidst a big blast of trumpets, that the Dominion government were to be asked for the funds received from school lands, and further that these school lands amounted to 9,000,000 acres, and were worth the average price of \$11.62 per acre. This alone makes our school lands worth over \$100,000,000. According to the Advocate this was only a matter of sentiment.

If we ask for all our lands instead of proceeds from two sections in each township we are basing our demand on sentiment.

According to the Advocate it is wise to ask for a portion, but absurd to ask for the whole.

The revenue we receive from the Dominion government for all our lands and minerals is \$375,000 per annum.

The Dominion government received from the sale of coal mining lands in Alberta for fiscal year 1907-1908 the sum of \$334,634, and the revenue from bonuses from timber berths was \$81,010.

Therefore from these two items alone the Dominion government received \$40,000 more than we got for the whole of our domain.

But the Dominion government also received \$200,000 for royalty on coal mined in the province.

They received \$177,926 from sale of land in Alberta.

They received over one million dollars for pre-emption lands sold, and derived revenue from other sources, which makes our paltry \$375,000 look like two cents, and a direct insult to intelligent people.

The time has passed when such articles as that found in the Advocate cut any ice with the intelligent elector.

RAILWAY RUMORS.

We desire to sound a word of warning to the electors in outlying districts regarding talk on railways.

Although some consideration has been given Red Deer the Rutherford government has not guaranteed the bonds of the Alberta Pacific Railway Company.

The little consideration received was due to the fact that two hundred strong, the people of this town and neighborhood, forced

the government to take notice of us.

Conservatives, as well as Liberals, were in the deputation, and John T. Moore and his company would have been turned down with a dull thud had it not been for the citizens of Red Deer.

Therefore he has no call to claim to the electors that he has got railways for us when he cannot take credit for so doing.

The fact of the matter is everybody will be promised a railroad at their door until the elections are over, then we will not hear anything more on the question for some time.

Every election for the past eight years this railway question has done duty for John T. Moore. Last election it was a howling farce, when stakes were planted along the roadside, where people could see them, to make believe a line was going to be built.

Now it is up again, only stronger than ever, because the government encourages it as an election dodge.

Only a hundred or so miles of line will be built this year in the province by the C.N.R., while over one thousand miles of line were guaranteed.

There is not the slightest chance of any railway being built near Red Deer this year, in our opinion, unless it is the C. P. R., and John T. Moore cannot take any credit to himself for that.

THE REDISTRIBUTION.

As usual the Rutherford government has discriminated against the south in its redistribution of seats, giving the north 23 seats to the south's 18. Of course, this was expected.

In this constituency a strip two miles wide along the south side, from the river eastward, containing Penhold, Horn Hill, Edwell, and a portion of Pine Lake district, was thrown back into Innisfail district. This robs Red Deer district of a number of good active Conservative votes, but seals the doom of John A. Simpson in Innisfail. No wonder Mr Simpson objected to this deal in the assembly when the bill was brought up.

It would be impossible for the Rutherford government to play fair. They must always strive to play with loaded dice. Edmonton against the rest of the province must be the slogan of the government. That they are afraid of the voice of the south country is evident. That that voice must be strangled goes without saying. But the time will come when this sectionalism will meet with its just reward, namely, the censure and contempt of the mass of the people; and Alberta will then come into her own.

STARTLING LEGISLATION.

In the closing moments of the legislature amendments were provided exempting from taxation all railways whose bonds are guaranteed by the government, for a period of 15 years, and thereafter only to the extent of \$30 per mile.

Read that over again and get it in your head.

For years the Rutherford government have been boasting of the way they made the C. P. R. pay taxes.

For years nothing has been too bad to say against this company, because they were exempt in some particular.

Now the government give their pet railways exemption for 15 years, and only charge the paltry sum of \$30 a mile forever thereafter.

Think of it. Tax a railroad at the rate of \$30 per mile.

Can you grasp the significance of this outrage on the people of

this province, fellow electors?

After the stand the Rutherford government has taken on this question in the past, this legislation on their part is the most outrageous, most damaging of anything they have introduced since coming to power, and should be strongly condemned by the voters of this district.

THE LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

After stating to the electors that he had no intention of again being a candidate, John T. Moore is in the field as a candidate of the Liberal party.

A Liberal convention is called for to-night and it is generally conceded that he will be the choice of the delegates.

The result of the convention will be awaited with much interest by the electors.

GOING INTO DEBT.

The government seems to believe that there is magic in the words "capital account," says the Edmonton Journal. Because it proposes to charge \$800,000 of its expenditures this year to "capital account" it contends that the expenditure should be ignored in any scrutiny of the public accounts. But the premier has himself given a good indication of the purpose of this "capital account," and the premier prided himself on the fact. He intimated that other governments had "capital accounts" in order to enable them to make a better financial statement, but that the Alberta government could show honestly a satisfactory financial condition and had no need to resort to this trick of bookkeeping. Now the government had adopted the very device that the premier held up to scorn, and its reason for doing so is potent. And it is impossible to ignore the fact that this \$800,000 charged to capital account mean an addition to that extent to the debt of the province. The government has, indeed, already made arrangements for borrowing the money.

AN ALARMING BUDGET

(Edmonton Journal).

The budget as presented by Premier Rutherford must create a feeling of intense uneasiness throughout the province. The financial statement is, in fact, undeniably alarming. With a revenue of \$2,883,600 the government last year spent \$4,204,050, or over \$1,300,000 more than its income. And the government's own estimates for the coming year show that another enormous deficit is expected. With an estimated revenue of \$2,483,065, the government proposes to expend \$3,881,401, or well over one and a quarter million in excess of its revenue. This way bankruptcy lies. And heedless extravagance is almost the sole reason for the startling discrepancy between the estimated revenue and the proposed expenditure. Last year the outlay was swelled by large payments on account of telephones. That excuse no longer exists. The expenditure on telephones is placed at a comparatively trifling figure, and with this item deducted the estimated expenditure still remains enormously greater than the anticipated revenue. It is a system of finance that spells ruin. The figures that the government presents may well lead

the people of Alberta to pause and ask themselves whether it is not high time that steps were taken to put an end to the reckless management of public finances, by entrusting the affairs of the province to other hands.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Calgary Albertan, the leading Liberal organ of Alberta, says the Red Deer News is a real Tory paper which has not bowed the knee to Baal. The Albertan could not have paid us a greater compliment. There will also be found among the citizens thousands of loyal hearers who have not bowed the knee to Baal, and who will give a good account of themselves on election day.

The Grit press is again busy at its old tricks of attacking the C.P.R. When it comes right down to solid with the C. P. R. can show the C.N.R. and G.T.P. a clean pair of heels. Premier Rutherford was compelled to acknowledge that the C.P.R. did not need any bolstering up, as their credit was so good they could sell their own bonds. This is the kind of a company the hiring press of the spendthrift government take delight in yelping at morning, noon and night.

When a new member butts in too much when he first takes his seat in the Commons he is bound to be set upon, and if he keeps it up his usefulness is gone. Dr. Clark, speaking in the Commons Friday, said he would not go to Foster for an example of high-mindedness. Foster compared the doctor to a fly, buzzing between a bull's horns. The fly thought it was doing a big thing, but it did not bother the bull.

The song of the Grit press these days: "That old Tory rag, the Red Deer News, has not bowed the knee to Baal; hand over another six hundred."

Was a Liberal Voter.

The medical superintendent of a Montreal hospital for the insane tells of a patient who swallowed and carried in his stomach three bunches of broom corn, a piece of white bone, a piece of insulating tape, a bundle of hair, a nail with a piece of cloth tied to it and 99 nails without cloth tied to them, a piece of wire wound with a string, and another piece without string, a button hook, six pieces of tobacco pipe stem, 21 tin tobacco tags, 31 small pieces of wire, four screws, two plum stones, a piece of picture wire twisted, nine pieces of glass and nine pieces of iron, a steel spring an iron nut, two pebbles, 27 pins, 4 tacks and 4 hair pins. Before he became bad enough to be confined the patient is presumed to have been a Liberal voter and during election campaigns developed his capacity for swallowing indigestible things.

At the meeting of the Red Deer Presbytery, held in the Presbyterian church, Olds, on Feb. 17 and 18, very encouraging reports from the past year were presented from the various congregations, mission fields and Sabbath Schools. Arrangements were made for the induction of a pastor at Olds on March 28th. Rev. W. F. Allan and Elders McRae and White were appointed delegates to the General Assembly, which meets at Hamilton Ont., next June. Rev. W. G. Brown, of Red Deer, was elected moderator for the ensuing year. The next meeting will be held at Red Deer.



DRESSMAKING!

Do you wish your dress made now?

Our Dressmaking department is now very busy, under the capable management of Miss McKinnon, who, with her head operator and assistants, is turning out beautifully finished garments, which are fitting perfectly.

The Finished Work is sufficient evidence of Miss McKinnon's ability, and our charges are very moderate, based on the amount of work done on the garment.

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There is no old stock to work off, and every piece of Dry Goods shown here is strictly up-to-the-minute, and marked at a close margin of profit.

MILLINERY.

On Saturday, Feb'y 27th, Miss Shannon left Toronto, where she spent the last month preparing for this Spring season. Miss Shannon is determined to make our Millinery Department a CREDIT TO RED DEER AND TO OUR STORE, and with her knowledge of the requirements of the trade, we are sure "she will make good."

As this is our first Millinery season here, necessitating an unusual amount of preparatory work, our Opening will not be quite as early as we wished, but we will give you ample time to get your "Easter Bonnet" without leaving it until the Eleventh Hour.

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We are pleased to accept your Decision.

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Men's Good Work Shirts, 50c. New English Prints, 12½c.

5 doz. Men's Heavy Black Duck Shirts, double seamed, large and roomy. Made to sell at 75c.

Our Special Price, 50c.

Men's Black Overalls, 75c.

3 doz. in this lot; a good heavy Black Duck, made either with or without bibs. The line the other stores sell at \$1.00 pair.

Our Special Price, 75c. Pair.

Kimona Cloths, 15c. Yd.

We are having a clear up of our Heavy Kimona Cloths, and will give you the choice of our 25c. goods this week at 15c. yd. There are several patterns in the lot, and the reduced price means a saving of 10c. a yard to you.

New Millinery.

We have a nice stock of New Spring Millinery to arrive shortly. Wait for us, and we'll save you money.

We don't invite comparison of values. It would be absurd to think, even, of the stores in town matching present prices here. If we find it expedient to mark things at a loss, we take the loss. To follow our lead would take a barrel of money, and most stores hesitate on that account.

C. E. HALL, Red Deer's Cash Store,	Smith & Gaetz Block
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Grateful To Hiram.

By ANNA MUMSON.

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No one would have thought of Hiram in connection with the tender of the motor. In Lakehead he had the reputation of being a woman hater of the most pronounced description, and Martha Curtis, a maiden lady of very certain age, who had "designated" Hiram as the only person in all the Lake Loma district of whom the grizzled woodsman was afraid.

For that reason it seemed strange that Hiram should take such an interest in the affair between Norma Downing and Bryce Logan. The Downings had a camp at the upper end of Lake Loma and it was Gordon Downing who loaned money to Hiram for the purchase of the gasoline launch in which he made morning and evening trips around the lake.

Loma, with its alternate bluffs and valleys, was largely dependent on this water bus for service. The wagon road ran far back into the woods to escape the uneven shore, and a trip by the road to the Downing camp was a matter of several hours. In the boat it required less than an hour, even when stops were made at the other camps, and Gordon Downing was regarded as a public benefactor when he started his water express.

Bryce Logan had come into the spring, but none of the regulars was regarded with greater favor by Trem-

ed that the backboard was well inland, the motor recovered by a miracle, and, casting off the painter, Hiram started up the lake. The postmaster, who had come down with the mail for the camp, called after him that he had forgotten the letters, but Hiram's only response was a wave of the hand and the reports of the motor changed into a steady hum as the highest speed was thrown on.

Along the lake the campers, anxious to see the launch about past with a short tour of the whistling in lieu of the mail.

No word was made until Logan's camp came in sight, and Bryce himself came running down to the landing. "Gordon Downing's come," he called. "I pretended that the boat was busted, and he's on his way to the camp with Jim Saunders' rig. It'll be a good three hours before he gets there. If you really want the girl we'll go and get her. It's an hour back to the landing, and before Downing gets to the upper end of the lake, the head will be over in the next state, where you don't need a license. Are you coming?"

"You bet I am," cried Logan as he sprang into the boat. "I'll get a car on the way back. Come on, Hiram, let's go."

"You don't need a car," growled Hiram. "I guess Miss Norma'll marry you without a car."

"I hope so," answered Logan gayly. "The main thing is, I'm to get her to marry me."

There was a little point which formed a bay for the Downing camp, and on this point Norma was accustomed to wait for the launch and obtain Logan's boat and come into the spring, but none of the regulars was regarded with greater favor by Trem-

"You'd better, Miss Norma," he urged. "I heard you say he'd said to take you to 'Yurro' to get you away from Mr. Logan. He knows that he's here, and you know your pa when he gets so small and snarls. You been there, I guess. That's the way he looked when he started, and Jim Saunders' rig ain't goin' to help his temper now."

"The threat of separation persuaded Norma, and Logan helped her into the launch. The motor was started, and she headed for Lakehead, and the whirling motor shook the boat as Hiram crowded on every ounce of power.

With a straight run they were soon at Lakehead landing, and while Hiram tied up the boat and thoughtfully removed the sparkling plug Logan went in search of a cigar. He found it in a trunk with a team and drew up at the landing.

"Come ahead, Hiram," he shouted. "We want you to be the best jump in and we'll head for Cheswick and the parson."

He clambered over of the launch, and the red glow under the tan as he approached the wagon.

"Do you s'pose that there'll be room in there for Martha Curtis?" he asked shamelessly. "She's been kinder peevish me to carry her on and off this ten years, and I guess it's as good as done. I'll give you \$300.00, it seems like it was in the air."

"Like hay fever," declared Logan, with a laugh. "I never knew before that matrimony was contagious, but jump in and we'll capture Martha in no time at all."

It was a quarter that started for the state line. Norma sat beside Logan in the front seat, and behind them Hiram held Martha's hand and sought to explain the situation to the dithered damsel.

"You see, Martha," he began, "I wasn't as strong as I didn't want to marry you. It was just that I couldn't get my nerve up. Then I saw that Mr. Logan had to be married right away if he didn't want to lose Norma, and so long as I had my hand at it I wanted to make a good job all the way round."

"You should be very grateful to them," cooed Martha as she took a fresh grip on Hiram's hand to assure herself that this was no dream from which she would presently awaken.

"We are," assented Hiram as he no longer that Logan was trying to drive with one hand. "And I'll bet that they're mighty grateful to us."

"Who breaks the dishes?" "Jason," said Mrs. Calliper to her husband as they sat in dinner, "I went this afternoon to the china closet to get a certain glass dish that I wanted. When I opened the door I found half of it. The other half remained on the shelf. Somebody had broken it and then placed it there in order to tell me about it. Now, of course, neither you nor I broke that dish, the children didn't break it, the servants didn't break it. Now, how did it get broken?"

"Expansion and contraction!" "Jason!" "Well, Cynthia," said Mr. Calliper soothingly, "you ought not to worry about that dish. Science has in recent years made great advances, and many things which were once mysterious are now as clear to us as the pages of an open book. But the question is, 'And I'll bet that they're mighty grateful to us.'"

Valuable. Parson—Young man, I'm surprised to see you failing on the Sabbath. I shall certainly make it the subject of my sermon next week. The Young Man—Waa, if it gives you an idea for a sermon maybe it's worth it!—New York Life.

The Annual Budget.

Premier Rutherford delivered his annual budget in the legislature last evening, and declared surplus over general expenditures of the province of \$86,680.83. Total receipts had been \$2,863,500.79, and total general expenditures \$2,832,830.96. The premier spoke for two hours and half reviewing the work and the expenditures of the various departments, and explaining the estimates laid on the table.

Details of the receipts and expenditures for the past year are:

Dominion government subsidy	\$1,254,125.00
Lands	37,740.54
Treasury department	104,325.58
Provincial Sec'y's dept.	25,009.32
Attorney General's dept.	283,205.17
Public Works dept.	130,682.71
Agriculture dept.	27,814.44
Deputy Commissioner	241,231.21
Education dept.	1,370.00
Clerk Legislative assembly	228,107.64
Government printer	228,405.00
Miscellaneous	42,150.91
Trust funds	42,150.91

Total.....\$2,863,500.79

Expenditure.

Civil Government.....	\$1,742,451.98
Legislation.....	338,010.02
Administration of Justice	1,823,231.51
Public Works.....	283,205.17
Education.....	130,682.71
Agriculture and Statistics	430,004.93
Hospitals, public health	61,487.47
Miscellaneous.....	131,018.44

Total general expenditure.....\$2,832,830.96

Telephone.....\$1,254,125.00

Premier Rutherford estimated the revenue for the coming year at \$2,483,685.58, and the expenditure at \$3,881,401.40. In the estimate of supply for the coming year probably the item of chief interest is the \$50,000 first estimate on the establishment of a pork packing plant and cold storage in the province. This is displayed in the estimates for the agricultural department, among which is also \$20,000 for bounties on wolves and coyotes, \$300,000 to provide for advance payments and general operation expenses of the department.

The premier's work on immigration and colonization, and \$1,000 grant to United Farmers' association to investigate markets. In the public works department the estimate of \$200,000 for the year is to be charged to capital account. Of this amount there is \$20,000 for a courthouse at Fort Saskatchewan, construction of which it was intimated the premier would be undertaken at once, as the growth of court business at the Fort warranted it. There is an estimate in this amount of \$60,000 for land titles office at Calgary, \$100,000 for the parliament buildings, \$12,000 on Calgary Normal school, \$40,000 on construction of Lethbridge courthouse, \$50,000 on the Ponoka asylum, and \$20,000 on the Lethbridge. In the \$170,173 to be charged to income account in public works there is a first estimate of \$20,000 for the courthouse at Calgary, \$100,000 on the Medicine Hat courthouse, \$75,000 is allowed for purchase of sites for public buildings.

In miscellaneous estimates there is \$55,000 for the year for the election act, and \$75,000 for expenditure in hall insurance. Detailed sums of estimates are as follows:

Civil government.....	\$1,742,451.98
Legislation.....	338,010.02
Administration of Justice	1,823,231.51
Public Works, income account	710,173.00
Public works, capital account	800,000.00
Agriculture and statistics	430,004.93
Hospitals, public health	61,487.47
Miscellaneous.....	244,700.00
Telephone.....	610,000.00

Total.....\$3,881,401.40

The premier referred to the grain "pickle" in Calgary, and instanced the gratification of every one in attendance at the announcement of the C.P.R. that they would be prepared to handle shipments in the western route rather than over the eastern route. He characterized as significant the fact that western grain had already begun to move through western ports.

There had been another event of importance recently. This had been the Conservative convention at Red Deer. He congratulated Hon. member Hon. High River in still being the leader of the opposition. There had been a fruitless attempt to dislodge him.

The Conservatives wanted a new leader. He recommended to the Senate Lougheed, the power behind the throne in Alberta. The senator had been around the province drumming up Conservative business instead of attending to his senatorial duties at Ottawa. The senator could very well afford to resign his seat and take the leadership of the Conservatives.

The senator had also charged the province with being reckless in expenditure, and that they had resorted to direct taxation. The premier did not know what the senator could mean by direct taxation, unless he meant the taxation of railroads. The C.P.R. had been willing to pay taxes on their branch lines, but it was not the policy of the government to tax any new roads.

A great deal had been said about the Dominion government

retaining lands and giving a subsidy.

The premier, in reviewing the work of the various departments of the government, said that he would not go into the country on any other basis than this, that if the work of the government had been good during the past four years it was fair to appeal to the public to support the government. The premier had not been perfect.

Speaking of the attorney-general's department, the premier said it was the intention shortly to revise the law and the first volume of the revised statutes should be ready between the sessions of 1910 and 1911. This would bring the statutes up-to-date.

The province would soon have to face the problem of providing increased jail accommodation, with the establishment of a central prison or small jails. The number of insane people in the province has increased by two since the province was formed.

There had been a revenue last year of \$24,284.14 from liquor licenses and of \$9,852.75 from wholesale licenses. During last year 50 bailiffs had been appointed, with 43 process servers, which appointments considerably reduced the cost of litigation in out of the way places. Last year the attorney-general's department had paid its own way and saved the province.

The premier referred to the great work in road improvement and construction that had been done during the past three years. The output of coal in the province had been close upon two million tons and would be beyond that amount when all reports were in.

The premier referred briefly to the telephone extension, and the prospects of good business in the future in this new undertaking of the government.

The department of agriculture, he said, had carried out a progressive policy of education of the farmer. Some assistance was being given to the stock industry, and stock judging schools had been held. The premier's work on government creameries in operation, with an output last year of 2,107,485 pounds, at a value at the creamery of \$262,871.

The premier said steps were being taken to establish an experimental farm at Medicine Hat for the purpose of demonstrations in soil culture and dry farming. Fruit culture had met with some success in the province last year. This year arrangements were being made to pay about \$9,000 in bounty to sugar beet growing in the province. Grants to agricultural societies in the province during last year had amounted to \$20,386.49.

Following up the pork packing commission report, Premier Rutherford intimated that he intended to send the stock commissioner into the country to canvass the farmers on the hog raising question. Pat Burns, of house at Calgary, stated that the establishment of a government plant would be a good thing.

In the education department 23 new school districts had been created, giving a total now of 1098. A large number of graded rooms had also been added giving a total of graded rooms in the province of 344. There were 1210 teachers in the province, 17 per cent. of whom were first class, as compared with 7 per cent. of the teachers in Ontario. One hundred and one teachers were now receiving training at the Normal school in Calgary. 345 teachers had already been trained right in the province. The school in Calgary had accommodation for 200 in one session.

Last year every school child in the province had been given a reader free of charge. These readers were now being published in Toronto, although it had been found necessary at first to have them published in the United States, in order to have them on hand in good time.

In conclusion, the premier said the first legislature has laid the foundations well, and history would record them as having succeeded well in meeting the requirements of the province.

Why Railway Subsidies are Granted.

It has been officially announced at Ottawa that the Dominion Government does not propose to ask Parliament to sanction the granting of any railway subsidies during the present session.

In spite of some statements which have been made on various occasions, by members of Parliament in a position to know the facts, peculiar significance attaches to this latest statement of Ministerial policy. Mr. Oler, the representative of West Toronto, and a director of the Canadian Pacific Railway, once said that every railway subsidy proposed by the Government is tolled for the purpose of providing campaign funds. Mr. McLean, the representative of South York, has more than once stated that tolling is done by both parties the Government receiving a large percentage of the subsidy for

proposing it and the Opposition receiving a smaller take-off in return for acquiescence in the grant proposed.

Accepting these statements as true—and there is every reason for believing they are true—one can understand why the Government voted some \$15,000,000 in subsidies in the last session of the old Parliament and proposed that none be granted in the first session of the new. The late session came just before a general election, when both parties were in the midst of the campaign; the present session occurs immediately after an election, and at a time when, there being no general fight on in the courts over protracted elections, there is no need of the sinews of war.

It looks, indeed, as if the policy of railway subsidizing had been directed for the purpose of furnishing the means of influencing corrupt electors rather than with a view of helping on the development of the country.—Farmers Sun.

Eckville.

The beautiful weather we are having is welcomed here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gold, of Leslieville, attended the dance at the Eckville school house on Monday evening, 22nd, at Mr. McArthur's. It is not the cake and coffee social of the past, but a more attractive, (Ubi mel, ibi apes.)

Mr. Theodore Ensign, of Leslieville, attended the dance at Mr. Woodmansey's. Ted has been a very popular man here, and seems well satisfied. Mr. Farr tends to build on his new ranch this spring and go in for horse ranching extensively.

If you see two men standing talking it is safe to guess they are the two millionaires who have his guess on the right of way. It means so much to some that if the road don't seem some that they will pull up stakes.

A few are taking advantage of the fine weather and getting up their summer work.

Any person having cattle to sell would do well to communicate with commissioner T. Will, who is paying good prices.

THE MARCH ROD AND GUN.

Fish and Game Protection work throughout Canada forms a prominent topic in the March issue of Rod and Gun and Motor Sports in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, Woodstock, Ont. In addition to a sketch of the meetings of the North American Fish and Game Protective Association, the organizations of three provinces also receive attention while in Ontario it likewise comes in for special treatment. Although so much space is given to this important work of aiding the conservation of Canada's natural resources, sportsmen will not be disappointed in the usual fare provided for them. The Hon. Chas. Scott tell in graphic language of a successful moose hunt in New Brunswick, while the "Finest Hunt of the Wolf River Hunt Club" is one no sportsman will read unmoved. An incident of the wolf hunt now in progress in Northern Ontario should not be overlooked, while Dr. Howard's ideals of sportsmanship will recommend themselves to all. These ideals will be cherished, aimed at and worked up to and cannot fail to have a marked effect on the future of sport throughout the Northern portion of the continent. A

description of British Columbia's new game preserve, with many other articles, including a particularly good one on Fur Trading With Indians in the Far North, departments replete with information and a special account of the Hamilton trap shooting tournament, make up a number appealing to every lover of the great outdoors and one full of vivid interest to them all.

Strayed.

From the premises of the undersigned, on Sunday, Jan. 17th, 1 buckskin horse and one black horse, both branded with G & W inside right hind leg, \$10.00 reward for these horses or information leading to their recovery. Lost near six miles west of Red Deer.

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Jan. 10th, '06. Eckville P. O.

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South African Land Warrants.

I have a few South African Land Warrants for sale, good for 320 acres. Purchaser please state price he will pay either by letter or telegram. J. N. BLACK, Canadian Life Insurance, Toronto.

Strayed.

From the premises of the undersigned, 9 yearlings, including 3 roan steers, 2 red and white spotted steers, 1 roan steer with white face, 3 roan heifers, 1 white heifer, 1 red heifer with white face, Branded G on each front foot and hind horns. A suitable reward will be paid for any information leading to same. A. GEHRKE, Red Deer.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

From the premises of John Larsen, 7 miles south of Red Deer, 1 light colored Jersey milk cow, 6 years old, a roan steer with white face, a roan heifer, 1 white heifer, 1 red heifer with white face, Branded G on each front foot and hind horns. A suitable reward will be given for information leading to recovery. JOHN LARSEN, Red Deer, Jan. 15, '06. P. O. box 104.

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LOCAL & GENERAL.

Elections March 22nd.

Stewart McKenzie is in town.

Nice fresh crisp celery at Drake's.

Frank Cornett leaves for the coast to-day.

Regular meeting of U. F. A. next Saturday afternoon.

S. P. Fream and Mr. Playle, of Innisfail, were in town yesterday.

Mrs. Capt. Cottingham left for an extended visit to friends in Winnipeg last week.

The Choral society commenced their regular practice for their spring concert last evening.

Don't forget the Millinery opening at Mrs. Jarvis, 17th, 18th and 19th of March.

C. P. McCutcheon left for the coast last night. He has been promoted to a Vancouver branch of the Merchants Bank.

Hospital donations this week are W. E. Pickford \$4.00; Ladies Aid, half doz. chairs; Miss Templeton, half doz. cups and saucers.

Mrs. Fred Parker, of Horn Hill, underwent a serious operation for appendicitis at the Memorial Hospital on Saturday last. She is doing nicely at last report.

The Socialist party hold a convention in the Oddfellows' Hall Monday afternoon next for the purpose of bringing out a candidate to contest this district in the forthcoming election.

Don't buy a gramophone until you have seen us about our easy payment system. We sell the best talking machines made. If you buy your records from us you can change them for 10 cents. H. J. Snell the Jeweller.

Rev. C. H. Huestis M. A., will deliver his popular lecture, "The making of a man" on Tuesday evening, March the 9th, at 3 o'clock in the Springvale Methodist Church, under the auspices of the Epworth League.

The next meeting of the Natural History Society will be held on Wednesday the 17th of March at the home of Mrs. Dr. George instead of the 18th as previously stated. Mrs. R. L. Gaetz will give a paper on Geology. Meeting commences at 8 sharp.

Mrs. George Wilkins entertained on Friday last, from 4 to 6 at a very pleasant At Home in honor of Mrs. Farby, of Long Valley ranch. McQueen's orchestra furnished some beautiful music, and Mrs. G. W. Greene, Mrs. Cassels, Mrs. Botford and Miss Cottingham assisted Mrs. Wilkins in receiving her guests.

W. P. Helliwell has withdrawn from the Imperial Bank, and he and Mrs. Helliwell leave for Calgary in a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Helliwell have made many warm friends in Red Deer who will regret their departure from town. St. Luke's church will also miss them as Mr. Helliwell was a prominent member of the Vestry while Mrs. Helliwell was an active member of the Chancel Guild.

On Sunday morning shortly after three o'clock the barn of Dr. Rowntree, McLeod street, was noticed to be on fire. The brigade quickly responded and soon had the fire under control. One of H. H. Drake's horses was burned to death, also his dog, and several sets of harness were destroyed. Two other horses in the barn were turned out and saved by Charlie Cooper, but the grey horse was too far in and was surrounded by fire when discovered. The fire is supposed to have originated from ashes, and there was no insurance.

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The family of Mr. Hayes, the new accountant at the West Lumber company's office, arrived in town on Wednesday last and have taken temporary quarters in Mr. Slade's house.

There will be a meeting of the Town Football Club in the Fire Hall on Friday evening at 8.30 to decide on whether they will have a team or not this year, and other business. A full meeting desired.

At the Fire Brigade meeting last night a Fire Brigade Football Club was organized with W. Botterill, President; R. Randall, Vice President; H. Meeres, Manager; E. Smith, Sec. Treas. Meeting adjourned to Monday night.

There was not a very large attendance at the carnival on Friday night last though it was a fine evening and the ice was very good. The prize winners were: Men's race, Dan Smith; Ladies race, Lily Smith; Couple race, Dan Smith and Mrs. Pooley; Boys race, Bert Usherwood; Obstacle race, Bert Usherwood; Comic costume, C. Smith, Clown; Special, Amy Trimble, Top-y.

Mr. Menzies and Mrs. Brumpton were judges. A public library will be opened in connection with the Red Deer Museum next Monday. Dr. George has over five hundred volumes of well assorted literature which will be given out to members of the library at a stated annual fee. There are also a number of splendid books of reference in the library which will be at the disposal of the members. We will have more to say of the library next week and we feel that every citizen should give the movement his hearty support.

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Hillsdown U. F. A.

A meeting was held at O'Connor's on Saturday evening, Feb. 27th, at which a socialist Union of the U. F. A. was organized with the following officers: President, E. Fiske, Vice President, W. O'Connor, Sec. Treas., J. F. Edge, Pastors, Directors, McKay, J. Erikson, W. McLaughlin. Monthly meetings will be arranged for the last Saturday in each month. The next meeting to take place at Valley Centre School house.

Eckville.

(From our own Correspondent)

A large crowd attended the Literary Society last Tuesday evening. A short but interesting programme was prepared for the occasion.

Mrs. Margaret McFaul of Leslieville has been spending a few days with relatives at Eckville.

Mr. Paul Pykiet has traded off his young steers for milch cows. This looks as though he was intending to patronize the cheese factory this summer.

Messrs. Carney and Armstrong are taking advantage of the fine weather in getting up their summer woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are expected home soon from an extended visit back east.

Poplar Ridge.

Mr. Nielson had his sale last Thursday. A large crowd attended, and a good price was realized. Mr. Nielson and family will return to Great Falls, Montana, to his former position as boss in the smelter works.

Ed. Burns left yesterday with a carload for his homestead 80 miles on the Wetaskiwin branch. His mother will stay in Red Deer. Ed. will be greatly missed by his many friends in Poplar Ridge.

Mr. Ted Body, of Ponoka, has been visiting at High View Farm for a few days.

Mr. Archie Billingshurst has bought an interest in a farm 25 miles east of Ponoka, and left on Monday. Poor Archie had a long face on; cheer up, old boy, when you get tired hitchhiking come back to us, and you will be received with open arms.

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CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.

A meeting of the Conservatives of the Innisfail Electoral Division for the purpose of nominating a Candidate for the forthcoming Provincial Elections will be held in the Orange Hall, Innisfail, on Saturday, March 6th, 1909, at 2 p.m. Conservatives from all parts of the riding are cordially invited.

By order S. P. FREAM, Sec'y-Treas.

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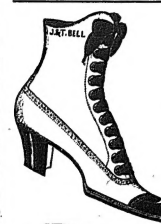
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